

## **MODERATOR BIOGRAPHY**

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### **DR. CHARLES WILSON**

Dr. Charles A. Wilson is a Professor in the Dept. of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences at Louisiana State University. He was department chair from 1995-2002 and was Director of the Coastal Ecology Institute from 2002-2003.

Dr. Wilson has authored more than 100 articles and reports on artificial reef ecology and development, marine aquaculture, and the relationship between artificial reefs (oil and gas platforms), natural reefs, and associated fish communities.

In 1985, he helped establish the Louisiana Artificial Reef Program, and served as its director for more than 15 years. Over the past 25 years, he has served on a number of State and Federal advisory boards on fishery management and habitat issues in the Northern Gulf of Mexico. He is also a managing partner in Palmetto Aquaculture Corp., a South Carolina-based shrimp farm.

Dr. Wilson received a PhD in Marine Fisheries from the University of South Carolina in 1984.

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### **DR. GARY L. JENSEN**

Dr. Gary Jensen is a National Program Leader for Aquaculture with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service in Washington, DC.

Currently, he serves as Executive Secretary and is a member of the Executive Committee of the federal coordinating Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture under the National Science and Technology Council. He is co-chair of the Working Group on Aquaculture Drugs, Vaccines and Pesticides and was chair of the committee's Aquaculture Effluents Task Force. He co-manages the Regional Aquaculture Center program and is a founding member of the National Organic Aquaculture Work Group.

Dr. Jensen has held aquaculture positions at Louisiana State University, Kentucky State University and Auburn University. He received his PhD and MS degrees in Aquaculture from Auburn University and BS in Fisheries Management from the University of Washington.

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### **JOHN F. KEANE**

John Keane is President of Capitol Risk Concepts, Ltd. a business insurance brokerage firm with special expertise in seafood industry-related issues.

Mr. Keane has received international recognition for creating specialized seafood industry insurance programs, most notable among them, the broadest marine cargo change of temperature coverage, as well as coverage for FDA rejection, product contamination and consequential damage liability resulting from product contamination.

Mr. Keane also developed a specialized program for seafood stock risks in the Gulf, pre- and post-Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Keane is a member of the National Fisheries Institute, the Global Aquaculture Alliance and the Ocean Stewards Institute. He holds an electrical engineering degree from Wentworth Institute, Boston, Massachusetts.

### **JAMES CARLBERG**

Jim Carlberg, President of Kent SeaTeach Corp. in San Diego, California, has almost 30 years of experience in private-sector aquaculture. Prior to his private-sector career, Mr. Carlberg served as Manager of Aquaculture for the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute in San Diego. From 1969 to 1980, he held a variety of research and teaching positions focusing on marine science and aquaculture.

Mr. Carlberg serves on the Board of Directors of the National Aquaculture Association, is a member of the World Aquaculture Society, and is the Founder and former President of the Striped Bass Growers Association.

Mr. Carlberg received a Masters degree in Ecology from San Diego State University, and has authored 16 publications and presentations on aquaculture.

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### **FRITZ JAENIKE**

Fritz Jaenike is General Manager of Harlingen Shrimp Farms, Ltd. in Bayview, Texas.

After receiving degrees in Environmental Biology and Zoology from Eastern Illinois University, Mr. Jaenike began his aquaculture career in 1979 at King James Shrimp, an intensive indoor marine shrimp aquaculture facility near Chicago. He joined Harlingen Shrimp Farms in 1982.

Harlingen Shrimp Farms operates 1,000 acres of shrimp aquaculture ponds at four different sites in south Texas and Mexico. HSF personnel have implemented a variety of improvements to reduce dependence on high volume water exchange and improve farm effluent quality.

The HSF hatchery is a U.S. industry leader in the production of health certified shrimp postlarvae produced from quarantined, domesticated brood. HSF is focusing on markets that want domestic aquaculture products that are grown according to sustainable environmental standards. The company is currently diversifying to the production of marine finfish.

### **GEORGE NARDI**

Mr. George Nardi is co-founder and Chief Technical Officer of GreatBay Aquaculture.

Founded in 1995, GreatBay was the first land-based commercial marine fish hatchery in the U.S. Initially producing just a single species, summer flounder, GBA currently produces flounder, cod, cobia and sea bass. The company produces approximately one million juveniles per year at its Portsmouth based facility.

Prior to founding GreatBay, Mr. Nardi served as a manager for Sahlman Seafoods, Inc., managing a fleet of 48 shrimp trawlers in South America. Upon his return to Boston, Mr. Nardi worked as a seafood specialist with Kroger inspecting and approving the purchase of seafood products from around the world. From 1988 to 1995, Mr. Nardi served as Program Director for the New England Fisheries Development Association managing more than \$4,000,000 in federal fisheries aquaculture research and development grants.

Mr. Nardi received a Master's degree in Marine Environmental Science from SUNY at Stony Brook.